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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR YUGOSLAV SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S INCLUSION IN  
UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: USUN 4088

1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR BOZOVIC  
OCT 8 TO REQUEST YUGOSLAV SUPPORT FOR THE UNESCO  
EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION THAT EACH REGIONAL  
GROUP DECIDE ON ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP AND FOR INCLUSION  
OF YUGOSLAVIA IN EUROPEAN GROUP.

2. BOZOVIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WANTS THE PROBLEM  
SETTLED AND WILL SUPPORT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDA-  
TION. THE YUGOSLAV VOTE WITHIN THE EUROPEAN GROUP ON  
ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, WILL DEPEND ON THE SITUATION  
IN NAIROBI. SHOULD ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN  
GROUP BE REFERRED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER A DECISION BY  
THE REGIONAL CAUCUS, BOZOVIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA WOULD  
PROBABLY VOTE AS IT HAD IN THE CAUCUS. FOR INSTANCE, HE  
SAID THAT IF YUGOSLAVIA HYPOTHETICALLY SHOULD VOTE AGAINST  
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ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL CAUCUS, IT MIGHT THEN

VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SEEMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WOULD CONTRADICT THEIR SUPPORT FOR LETTING THE REGIONS DECIDE ON THEIR OWN MEMBERSHIP BY MAJORITY VOTE.

3. BOZOVIC REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT THREATS AND PRESSURE ARE "NOT HELPFUL" IN CREATING THE KIND OF ATMOSPHERE NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THEY RESTRICT YUGOSLAVIA'S ABILITY TO EXERT A MODERATING INFLUENCE. FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID THAT THE RUMOR WAS CIRCULATING AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL VOTE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION THAT THE UNITED

STATES WOULD PAY ITS ARREARS IF THE RECOMMENDATION WERE ADOPTED. WHILE DENYING THAT THIS "RUMOR" HAD INFLUENCED THE YUGOSLAV VOTE, HE SAID THAT FAILURE OF U.S. TO PAY AFTER THE VOTE WAS UNHELPFUL. HE URGED UNITED STATES NOT TO OUTLINE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WILL RESULT FROM GIVEN UNESCO DECISIONS.

4. PICKING UP A COPY OF THE "INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE" FROM HIS DESK, HE READ FROM AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE UNIVERSALITY OF UNESCO IN PARIS. HE COMPLAINED THAT SUCH EVENTS MAKE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT. I STRESSED THAT SUCH A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION IS FREE TO TAKE A STAND ON THE ISSUE AND ITS POSITION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS GOVERNMENT POLICY. I SAID THAT WE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WOULD DO ALL WE COULD TO CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE AT NAIROBI.

5. BOZOVIC SAID THAT A MAJOR FACTOR WHICH WILL INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME AT NAIROBI IS THE ATTITUDE OF ISRAEL. A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON ISRAEL'S PART IS THE KEY, HE SAID. "WOULD ISRAEL BE MORE INCLINED TO ACCEPT UNESCO TEAMS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT WERE ADMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN GROUP?", HE ASKED RHETORICALLY.

6. BOZOVIC WAS VERY SENSITIVE TO THE DANGER OF A SPLIT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN THE EUROPEAN GROUP. HE SAID THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID SUCH A SPLIT, EVEN POSTPONEMENT OF A VOTE ON THE ISRAELI MATTER SHOULD NOT BE REJECTED OUTRIGHT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. BOZOVIC AGREED THAT I CONTACT HIM SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NAIROBI OCT 23 TO LEARN OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE YUGOSLAV POSITION.

8. COMMENT: IN LINE WITH STANDARD YUGOSLAV PRACTICE AT MULTILATERAL MEETING, BOZOVIC MAINTAINED MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY TO DETERMINE YUGOSLAV STAND AT NAIROBI IN ACCORDANCE WITH

CURRENTS WITHIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.  
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